MR. E. JOHN PHILIPOSE: May I know from Government whether there is any recent prospect of reduction in the rate per unit in Trivandrum?

MR. K. P. P. MENON: A reduction in the rates for power has been made from the first of July.

Special staff for Cholera duty.

130. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the principle followed by the Darbar Physician in the matter of appointing special staff for cholera duty;

(*b*) whether such men were specifically told that such appointment will not entitle them for any preference over others who were above them in the list of applicants for appointment as medical officers; and

(*c*) whether any change has been effected in the list with regard to the priority of claim for appointment on account of service in connection with cholera special duty?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: (*a*) It is not always practicable to follow any set principle in the matter of emergent recruitment of medical officers for the prevention and treatment of epidemics, such as plague or cholera, except that the readily available candidate will be appointed.

(*b*) No; but it was stated in every order of appointment that that appointment did not guarantee any preference for future permanent appointments in the department.

(*c*) In view of answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*), this question does not arise.

Dispensing with the services of a Lady Medical Graduate.

131. *MR. K. T. THOMAS (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there has been any instance of dispensing with the services of any lady medical graduate:

(*b*) if so, the name of the lady doctor; and

(*c*) whether any other was appointed in the vacancy so caused, if so, who and the reason therefor?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) these do not arise.

The Darbar Physician.

132. *MR. K. T. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the medical qualifications possessed by the Darbar Physician; and

(*b*) what administrative experience he had before he was appointed as Darbar Physician?

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MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*a*) M. B. Ch. B (Glasgow).

(*b*) 1. Medical Superintendent, Heath Field Hospital, Ayrshire.

2. Resident Medical Superintendent, Consumption Sanatoria of Scotland, Colony of Epileptics, Bridge of Weir, Scotland.

3. Medical Officer, Quarriers' Orphan Homes, Scotland.

General Medical Stores.

133. *MR. K. T. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Darbar Physician is the Superintendent of the General Medical Stores;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the powers and duties pertaining to that office have been delegated by him to his Personal Assistant; and

(*c*) the number of times, during the past eleven months the Darbar Physician has inspected the General Medical Stores?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) he has no Personal Assistant and his powers have not been delegated to any one.

(*c*) It is not possible to give the actual number of inspections. The Darbar Physician inspected the institution as often as was found necessary.

Posting of Caste-Hindu Medical Officers.

134. *MR. K. T. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any rule to the effect that only caste Hindu officers will be put in charge of the District Hospitals at Mavelikara, Vaikam and Trivandrum Fort?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: No.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know from Government whether the Medical Officers in charge of the three hospitals are caste-Hindus?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: At present they are all caste-Hindus?

Tincture Factory attached to the General Medical Stores.

135. *MR. M. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the weight of tinctures manufactured in the Tincture Factory attached to the General Medical Stores in 1111 and 1112;

(*b*) the cost of making the same including the outlay on the factory;

(*c*) the amount saved by the Department by the production in 1111 and 1112, respectively; and

(*d*) whether they still continue manufacturing?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: (*a*) 54,751 fluid pounds in 1111 and 39,892 fluid pounds in 1112;

(*b*) Outlay on factory is Rs. 10,500. The net cost of making the tinctures in 1111 was Rs. 29,088 excluding buildin and machinery.

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